(b) whether these priority sanction orders indicating names, addresses and registration numbers with MTNL, have been received under 'Registered Post';

(c) if so, the names addresses and registration number of recommended persons with date of receipt in each case. Chief General Manager Telecommunications-wise, according to location Alphabet order of country;

(d) whether telephone connections in each recommended case have been installed;

(e) if so, the telephone numbers with date of opening in each case, and if not, the reasons for delay when required information has been conveyed in sanction orders;

(f) whether same requests suggesting some measure to deal with such priority sanction orders within time-bound period have been received in the office of Chairman, MTNL during January to April,1994;

(g) if so, the details of action taken with time limit fixed for issue of release orders and installation of telephone connections thereafter in priority cases where required particulars are complete;

(h) whether some compliance report is called for by Chairman's office from CGM/MTNL Office in those priority cases every week; and

(i) if so, the details thereof, and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (i) The required information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

डाकघर खोलने के लिए मानदंड

3735. **श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल** : क्या संचार मंत्री 7 दिसम्बर, 1993 को राज्य सभा में अतारांकित प्रश्न 410 के दिये गये उत्तर को देखेंगे और यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उनके मंत्रालय को ग्राम सिमुहानी घाट, जिला दरभंगा बिहार में डाकघर खोले जाने के संबंध में अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं; यदि हां, तो प्रथम अभ्यावेदन किस तिथि को प्राप्त हुआ और इसे देने वाले व्यक्ति/एजेंसी का नाम क्या है;

(ख) सरकार द्वारा इस संबंध में क्या कार्यवाही की जा रही है; और

(ग) क्या सिमुहानी घाट डाकघर खोलने संबंधी निर्धारित मानदंड पूरा करता है, और यदि नहीं, तो इस मामले में कौन-सा मानदंड पूरा नहीं किया गया है ?

संचार मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुख राम) :

(क) जी, हां। प्रथम अभ्यावेदन माननीय संसद सदस्य, श्री सत्यप्रकाश मालवीय से दिनांक 10-10-92 को प्राप्त हुआ था।

(ख) और (ग) सरकार का लक्ष्य जनसंख्या, दूरी तथा आर्थिक मानदंडों की पूर्ति को ध्यान में रखते हुए तथा संसाधनों की उपलब्धता के आधार पर सभी गांवों में डाक नेटवर्क का उत्तरोत्तर रूप से विस्तार करना है। सरकार के नीति के अनुसार डाकघर निम्नलिखित प्राथमिकता क्रम में खोले जाते हैं :—

(i) ग्रामपंचायत मुख्यालयों में, जहां पंचायत क्षेत्रों में डाकघर नहीं हैं,

(ii) अन्य पंचायत मुख्यालयों में, तथा

(iii) अन्य क्षेत्रों में।

तथापि, जहां तक सिमुहानी घाट का संबंध है, यह राजस्व ग्राम "जैराव" का एक पुरावा है जिसमें एक डाकघर पहले ही मौजूद है। अतः डाकघर नहीं खोला जा सकता।

Competitive Telecom Policy

3736. **SHRI SURESH PACHOURI**: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether an international expert on telecommunications has favoured adoption of competition oriented telecom policy by all countries to provide improved services to the subscribers and to participate in the globalisabe pleased to state:

(b) whether the expert has also pointed out that there are different types and stages of competition and each country has to frame its policy;

(c) whether Government have decided to take and adopt competitive telecom policy;

(d) if so, whether any details in this regard have been worked out; and

(e) by when concrete telecom policy is likely to be introduced and implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Government has not received such a report.

(b) to (e) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Strike by National Telecom Staff Federation

3737. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appeared in the 'Financial Express' dated the 21st March, 1994 that the National Telecom Staff Federation (NTSF) has decided to resume agitation to press for its demands and to go on an indefinite strike from 20th April, 1994 ;

(b) if so, what are their demands; and

(c) what preventive measures Government have taken so far to avert the said strik by NTSF ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM) : (a) Yes Sir, the indefinite tool down strike is however, proposed to be launched w.e.f. 26-4-94 (not 20-4-94) as per the notice given by the National Telecom Staff Federation which is not a recognised service union.

(b) As given in the enclosed Statement *(see* below).

(c) The following preventive measures have been taken :—

(i) The demands have been examined and the position on each item of demand has been intimated by the Deptt. to NTSF.

(ii) CMD, MTNL, has held dialogue with the representatives of the NTSF and has explained the position on each item of demand. An appeal to call off the agitation has also been made by him.

(iii) Conciliation proceedings under the I.D. Act have been started by the Regional Labour Commissioner (Central).

STATEMENT

Charter of Demands

(1) IMPLEMENTATION OF ATHREYA COMMITTEE REPORT AND PAYMENT OF WAGES EQUIVALENT TO EMPLOYEES OF VIDESH SANCHAR NIGAM LTD. TO ALL THE EMPLOYEES OF MTNL, W.E.F. 1-4-86.

As assured and recommended by MOS (C) the report of Athreya Committee be accepted and implemented in to immediately.

The report of Athreya Committee be implemented in respect of employees working in MTNL, Delhi/Mumbai and all these employees be paid the wages equivalent to wages being paid to employees working in Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd., w.e.f. 1-4-86.

(2) RECOGNITION REPRESENTATION IN OFFICIAL FORUMS AND GRANT OF TRADE UNION FACILITIES TO MTNKS AND MTNLSU AFFILIATED TO NTSF.

The Trade Union actions launched by the MTNKS and MTNLSU in past in support of above demands and the call of strike of 31-12-93 given by all three federations of DOT jointly opposing the demands has established that the employees working in MTNL at Delhi and Mumbai are firmly behind MTNLSU and MTNKS respectively. Therefore, the MTNL employees can only be represented by MTNKS & MTNLSU the affiliate unions of NTSF and hence it is demanded that the nominations of representatives of MTNKS, MTNLSU & NTSF be accepted in forums like LCM, RCM and JCM.

It is also demanded to maintain better communications with both the members of these organisations and between organisations and the management an accommodation for establishing the offices at Mumbai and Delhi be allotted immediately as it is being allotted to the federations of DOT who are having least support of employees working in MTNL.

(3) PAYMENT OF Rs. 100 TO ALL TEMP. MAZDOORS AND OFFICERS OF MTNL.